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Applicant: KINO et al

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendment to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.